

New Men in Command Who Will Dominate the Senate--Successors of Aldrich, Hale and Elkins--Penrose, a Born Politician, Falls Heir to Majority Leadership

BY JOHN ELFRETH WATKINS.
Washington, D. C., May 18.—Your interest in affairs political will now turn more and more toward the Republican Senate, whose gantlet the various measures passed by the Democratic House of Representatives must run before the President takes his final whack at them.

It is a vastly different Senate from that which helped frame the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill and which adjourned in the early spring. New leaders are in control on both sides. The abdicated powers of those twin leaders, Aldrich and Hale, have been divided among four men, with the result that New England has lost its supremacy in the Chamber. Aldrich's vast powers have been divided between Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania, who succeeds him as majority leader and chairman of the most potent committee of the Senate, that on Finance, and Gallinger, of New Hampshire, who takes the resigned Rhode Island senator's place at the head of the Committee on Committees, which assigns Senators and practically decides the political future. Likewise, Hale's great powers have been entrusted to two Senators, Warren succeeding him as chairman of the great Appropriations Committee, which holds the Senate purse string of the Treasury, and Cullom, of Illinois, taking his place as head of the Republican Steering Committee, which calls party caucuses, watches proceedings upon the floor, gives cues and directs legislation generally.

Insurgent Succeeds Elkins.
Another radical change of leaders affects the great Committee on Interstate Commerce, which practically controls legislation affecting transportation companies, trusts and combinations, questions of overcapitalization and almost every phase of the great industrial controversies now agitating the country. Here the insurgent chief, Moses Clapp, of Minnesota, succeeds the late conservative Senator Elkins, of West Virginia.

You perhaps do not realize the full power of the Senate committees. Under the rules of that body, all bills must first be referred to them before the Senate may consider them. And the committee to which a bill is referred has the power to amend it in any manner, substitute another bill for it, or refuse to report it back to the Senate at all, in which event it never reaches the calendar of that body. The chairmen preside at the committee hearings and meetings, and they lead upon the floor the debate upon the bills reported by their committees. A succession to these chairmanships is decided in the Senate by the law of seniority of service, the chairman, by his superior experience, is apt to dominate the majority members. And here he is a man of dominating temperament, like Aldrich or Hale, his influence is all the greater.

Such a temperament is possessed by Aldrich's successor, Penrose, the new majority leader and chairman of the Committee on Finance. In Pennsylvania it is frankly admitted that he has even "out-quayed Quay" in his ability to control his party organization. And in the Senate he has risen to party leadership over the bald and silver-haired seven Republican Senator, who have served anywhere from two to sixteen years longer in that body than has he. He is fifty years old—nineteen years the junior of Aldrich.

He belongs to one of the proudest

and oldest families of Philadelphia, and traces his pedigree back to Colonial officials and revolutionary heroes.

The Biddles, whom the young Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII.) heard so much about during his visit to Philadelphia, that he inquired of such an illustrious family might he occupy a conspicuous limb of Penrose's family tree. He was born, bred and still lives in aristocratic Spruce Street, in the Quaker City. And like Roosevelt, he rose to be a master politician in spite of the fact that he was reared on velvet.

With Roosevelt at Harvard.
He was three years with Roosevelt at Harvard, entering as a freshman when the future President was a sophomore. His father was a professor of medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, and he and his younger brother Charles were prepared by a private tutor for Harvard, which they entered at the ages of fifteen and fourteen. The two boys were graduated together, and Charles succeeded his father as professor in Philadelphia, while two still younger brothers, Richard and Spencer, also went through Harvard a few years later, both becoming successful mining engineers.

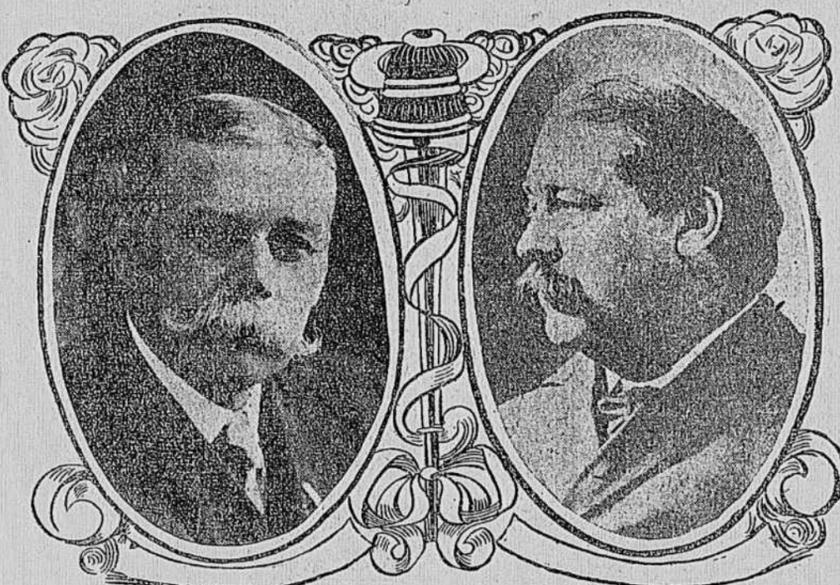
That Boies was a born politician was proven when he was only nineteen. At that age, through a competitive examination held at Harvard, he was chosen to deliver a commencement oration and selected for his topic "Marlin Van Buren as a Politician." And upon the same day he received honorable mention for his studies in political economy.

From Wayne MacVeagh, to whom he was now appointed to learn the lawyer's trade, he added to his store of political knowledge gleaned from the study of Van Buren's methods, for his preceptor had been chairman of the Republican State Committee, minister to Turkey and Attorney-General of the United States. So, with such a beginning, it is no great wonder that young Penrose went to the lower house of the Legislature when only four. He was now a handsome young giant, towering far above the six-foot mark, with sharp black eyes and a shock of black, curly hair.

Succeeded His Grandfather.
At twenty-seven he succeeded to his grandfather Penrose's old seat in the State Senate, which elected him president pro tempore when he was twenty-nine, and re-elected him as such two years later. And when only thirty-three he became chairman of his party's State Committee.

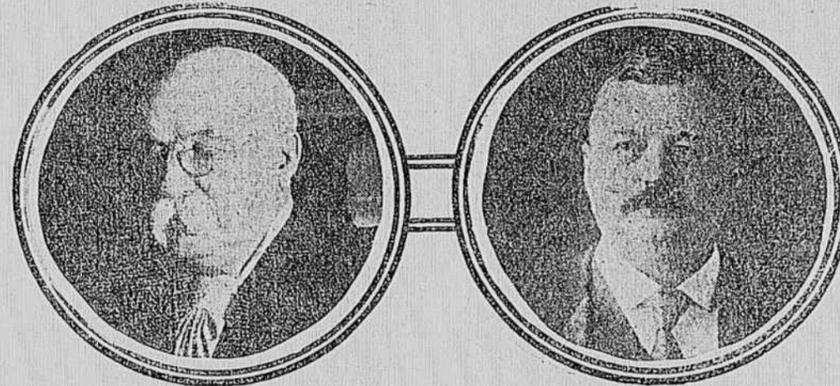
It was during these halcyon days that a long sack coat and high-crowned derby hat, which the young politician, in defiance of fashion, had carefully adopted, to conform to his vast height and breadth, became known throughout Pennsylvania as the "Penrose hat" and "Penrose coat," and the magic of the name started a local fad for garments of the same cut. In these days Penrose was a graceful figure in the saddle and skillful hunter of big game.

To an interesting degree the names of Penrose and Cameron have been entwined in the political history of Pennsylvania. By skillful maneuverings the Senator's grandfather gave President Buchanan a job in his own State by causing three Democratic legislators to resign and help his party elect Simon Cameron to the Senate at Washington. And after helping to re-elect the younger Cameron to the Federal Senate a generation later Penrose the younger succeeded



SENATOR WARREN, (Wyoming), new Chairman of Appropriations.

SENATOR CLAPP, (Minnesota), new Chairman of Interstate Commerce.



SENATOR GALLINGER, (New Hampshire), new Chairman Committee on Committees.

SENATOR PENROSE, (Pennsylvania), new Majority Leader.

the latter to that body in 1879. When Quay died, seven years later Penrose fell heir to that master politician's leadership over the party organization in the State. And now, after only fourteen years' service therein, he becomes his party's leader in the upper

house of Congress.

During his first dozen years in Washington he was known as the "silent Senator," and seldom, if ever, arose to address his colleagues. But during the tariff debates he made some reputation as a debater, especially as the result of some smart hits with La Follette, during which bitter personalities were exchanged.

Although two of the Penrose brothers are benedicts—Charles having taken to wife Miss Katherine Drexel, of New York, and Spencer, Miss Lily McMillan, of Detroit—Richard and Boies remain old bachelors. In later years the Senator has turned from the gun to the rod and reel for sport. While in the East he angles mostly from his yacht, but at times travels as far West as the Yellowstone in quest of trout.

Probably no man in the Senate to-day had a career more strenuous than that of Hale's successor as chairman of Appropriations—Warren, of Wyoming, who is another giant of the six-foot class. He is a Massachusetts Yankee by birth and is nearing his sixty-seventh birthday, but does not look above fifty. When a lad of eighteen he enlisted as a private in the Massachusetts Infantry and fought with his company until it was mustered out of service.

A Medal of Honor Man.
He is the only man in the Senate who can boast of a "medal of honor," and this prized military decoration was won in the manner, while he was still eighteen.

In the spring of '63 the Confederates were strongly fortified at Fort Hudson, on the Mississippi, above Baton Rouge. The combined forces of Sherman, Augur and Banks, assisted by Farragut, stormed the port in vain, and finally a desperate attempt was made to charge it by a small body of men from Weitzel's brigade.

Volunteers were called for, and Warren was one of fifty to offer his life for the forlorn hope.

When the little band marched up a hill, from which they were to charge the enemy's ranks, they had little hope of returning alive, but they pushed on as their comrades looked after them with shaking heads.

The charge was over three-quarters of a mile in open entry, directly within the fierce fire of the enemy, and as the brave volunteers rushed toward the breastworks which they were ordered to climb shot and shell mowed them down like blades of grass in the path of a scythe. For their bravery in keeping on when their comrades were falling on all sides, and although the assault ultimately failed, Warren and three other privates were recommended to the War Department for the reward which was forthcoming.

Wadesboro Social News
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Wadesboro, N. C., May 20.—Mrs. B. T. McBride and children, Joe, Harriet, and Hugh, of Fayetteville, are spending some time with Mrs. McBride's father, W. O. Bennett.

Miss Corrie Byrd left yesterday afternoon to join a party of friends at Cheraw, S. C., who are going to attend the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Jacksonville, Fla., and from there the party will go for a short trip to Cuba.

T. W. Austin and daughter, Miss Grace, attended the Presbyterian church commencement at Charlotte this week.

Miss Ina Huntley of Florence, S. C., was in Wadesboro for two days this week, the guest of friends.

Miss Araminta Robinson is attending the commencement of the Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs. Miss Robinson will be present at the alumnae banquet.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. J. L. Little delightfully entertained the Thursday Afternoon Club in her elegant new home, and took that occasion to announce the approaching marriage of Miss Lily Wall to Joe A. Barnethy, of Hickory, which will take place June 23. The color scheme was pink and white and very effectively carried out. A repast was enjoyed by a full representation of the club, in addition to the guests, Messdames B. L. Wall, W. E. McQueen, G. A. Martin and Miss Carrie V. May.

Mrs. C. W. Brown, of Beaufort, S. C., arrived Monday and will spend some time with her parents here. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rose.

Mrs. Joe Childs and family returned from Lincolnton, where they visited relatives and attended the unveiling exercises Memorial Day, of Boykin.

joined her husband here Tuesday night. They will make their home at the National Hotel.

Mrs. Sarah Brown, of Durham, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. K. Hendley.

Major and Mrs. W. A. Smith have returned from Salisbury, where they were the guests of friends for the past week.

Miss Evelyn Clarke graduates at Louisville College this week. She is chief marshal of the commencement exercises.

The descendants of the late Jerry Ingram, one of the pioneers of this section, held a reunion at the home of the only surviving daughter, Mrs. N. W. Benton, at Little Rock, Ark., during the Confederate reunion. Quite a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren left for Little Rock several days ago, and joined other descendants from Texas, New Mexico and California. This is the first time in thirty-five years that all of the children of this pioneer have been together.

Chase City Social News
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Chase City, Va., May 20.—Mothers' Day exercises were conducted here in the Town Hall by Mayor W. H. Jeffrey, Jr. An appropriate program was rendered.

Mrs. E. B. Goode and son, of New York City, are visiting Mrs. W. H. Jeffrey and Mrs. J. W. Goode.

Miss Nancy Goode, who has been teaching during the past season in Halifax county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert L. Jeffreys, on Academy Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson, of Wightman, visited relatives here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Borden, of Red dirt, this county, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hardy a few days Sunday.

Miss Grace Nelson, who has been visiting Miss Elsie Edwards, returned home some days ago.

Miss Mary Hardy, who has been teaching at Creedmore, N. C., during the past session, is here for her vacation.

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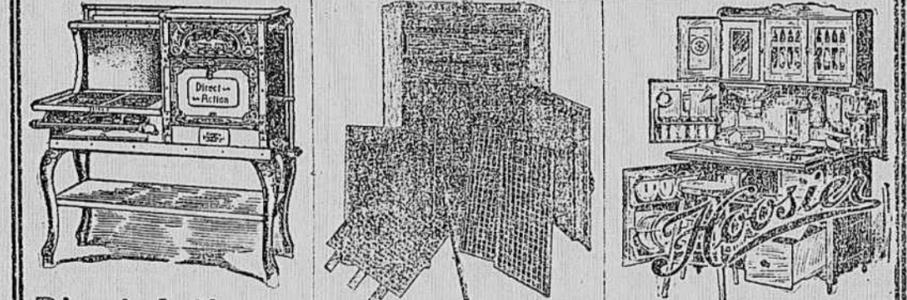
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